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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Foreign Missile and Space Activities

1. Thank you for your memorandum of 27 April forwarding to me a copy of the DOD Review of Missile and Space Intelligence Programs.

2. I note that you are establishing a Defense Special Missile and Astronautics Center (Defense/SMAC) for the central control of DOD collection facilities and for the production of departmental analyses of missile and space events. This is a most helpful move since it will provide a single DOD point of contact for the Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center (FMSAC)--which, as you know, I established last October--in exercising its responsibilities to me for analysis and reporting at the national level. The DOD unit will also provide a central control point to which tasking of collection assets can be directed. I share your expression of hope that FMSAC and Defense/SMAC will establish a high degree of mutually cooperative effort. In this connection, I attach particular importance to establishing a mechanism which assures that all missile and space intelligence data from DOD, as well as other collection resources, is made available to FMSAC.

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3. With regard to your invitation to provide CIA representation in the Defense/SMAC, members of my staff have already held preliminary discussions with DOD personnel and expect to assign an experienced analyst to this function in the immediate future. By a separate memorandum I have been invited by General Carroll to provide participating representation of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Defense/SMAC. I have asked Mr. Carl E. Duckett, the Director of FMSAC, to provide such representation from the FMSAC organization.

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4. With regard to your proposal to establish a DOD-CIA Missile and Space Intelligence Management Coordination Group, I consider it preferable to utilize the Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC) of USIB which has the responsibility to "coordinate guided missile and astronautics intelligence production activities of the Government" as outlined in DCID No. 3/4. If later developments indicate that this USIB committee is not adequate to provide the type of collaboration required, I would, of course, be prepared to review the matter. For matters which might arise between FMSAC and elements of the Defense Department which are not clearly within the coordination responsibilities of GMAIC, Mr. Duckett is the appropriate CIA contact, and for major policy discussions, Dr. Albert D. Wheelon, Deputy Director for Science & Technology; or Lt. General Marshall S. Carter, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

5. I feel certain that the foregoing arrangements will help to alleviate the concern I have had in this regard and which I discussed with Secretary Gilpatric last August, and which resulted in my establishment of FMSAC early last fall. This arrangement should help me appreciably in discharging my responsibilities under the National Security Act of 1947.

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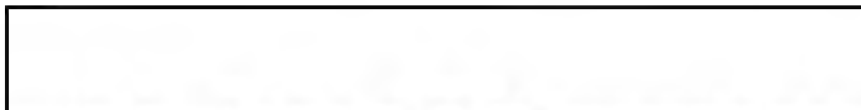
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